Section Eleven

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

INTRODUCTION

The violence within the American domicile has been recognized for decades by elements of government and society with little done to correct the problem. Only recently has this phenomenon begun to receive the attention it deserves. In an effort to understand, identify and treat the incidents of abuse occurring in the home, the State of New Jersey, through its legislature, has provided the means to gain a meaningful insight into this issue.

In 1982, the Domestic Violence Act was instituted to protect battered victims and study the complex problems that spark such aggressive behavior. This legislation also provided the opportunity to identify the causes of violence in the home and put forth a more comprehensive effort to combat the crime of Domestic Violence.

Improvements since the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act are continuing. Pursuant to a change in <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:25-24 enacted, June 9, 1999, arrest data is presented by county. Domestic violence restraining order violations are now captured and reported. Revised investigation and reporting procedures by the police; improved processing of domestic complaints by the courts; mandatory in-service training for police and court personnel have all enabled the victim to come forward and implement the constitutional rights granted to all Americans.

The following pages of narrative and graphics in this chapter are the result of gathered data displaying the complexities of domestic violence found within the State of New Jersey. It is through analysis of this data that, hopefully, the keys to preventing future violence can be found.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2001 domestic violence statistics are listed below:

- There were 82,373 domestic violence offenses reported by the police in 2001, a 6% increase compared to the 77,680 reported in 2000.
- Murders increased 3% in 2001 (40) when compared to 2000 (39).
- Assaults accounted for 47% (39,092) and harassment accounted for 38% (31,096) of the reported offenses in 2001.
- Arrests were made in 32% (26,551) of the offenses reported for 2001, an increase of 3% when compared to 2000 (25,774).
- The most frequent day of domestic violence occurrences was Sunday (14,471).
- For the nineteenth consecutive year, the most frequent hours of domestic violence incidents were between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, when 28% (23,091) of the offenses were reported.
- Children were involved or present during 38% of all domestic violence offenses occurring in 2001. Specifically, 6% (4,831) were involved and 32% (26,474) were present.
- Wives were the victims in 28% (22,957) and ex-wives were the victims in 4% (3,154) of the reported domestic violence offenses in 2001. Overall, females were victims in 78% (63,939) of all domestic violence offenses.
- The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender increased from 18,987 in 2000 to 19,186 in 2001. This is an increase of 1%.
- Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 30% (24,994) of the reported offenses occurring in 2001. Alcohol involvement alone accounted for 27% (22,110) of the total domestic violence offenses reported.
- Persons age 60 or over were victims in 3% (2,402) of all reported domestic violence offenses that occurred in 2001. Elderly were the victims in 20% (8) of the domestic violence murders (40).
- Domestic violence does not occur at a regular frequency, but when viewed as a ratio of its occurrence to a fixed time interval, one act of domestic violence would occur every 6 minutes and 23 seconds.
- Domestic violence offenses arising from a dating relationship accounted for 13% (11,034) of the state total.
- There were 3,965 total arrests involving domestic violence restraining orders reported by police in 2001. Of these, 1,924 were arrests for violations of a restraining order **only**, while 2,041 were arrests for violations of a restraining order **with** an offense arrest.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 2000/2001

Domestic Violence		Number of	a Number of	a Percent of Offenses
Offense		Offenses	Arrests	Involving an Arrest
Homicide	2000	39	21	54
Dorcont Change	2001	40 3	23 10	57
Percent Change	2000			6
Assault	2000 2001	36,602 39,092	18,338 18,674	50 48
Percent Change	2001	7	2	-4
	2000	4,395	1,312	30
Terroristic Threats	2001	4,808	1,409	29
Percent Change		9	7	-3
Kidnapping	2000	33	16	48
	2001	33	12	36
Percent Change		0	-25	-25
Criminal Restraint	2000	131	58	44
Dorsont Change	2001	128	47	37
Percent Change	2000	-2 37	-19 17	-16 46
False Imprisonment	2000 2001	37 39	2 4	62
Percent Change	2001	5	41	35
	2000	196	66	34
Sexual Assault	2001	204	71	35
Percent Change		4	8	3
Criminal Sexual Contact	2000	59	18	31
	2001	58	9	&
Percent Change		-2	&	&
Lewdness	2000	5	-	&
Doroont Chongo	2001	10	4	&
Percent Change	2000	& 4.727	& 1 570	& 22
Criminal Mischief	2000 2001	4,727 5,191	1,578 1,658	33 32
Percent Change	2001	10	1,030 5	-3
	2000	633	215	34
Burglary	2001	730	246	34
Percent Change		15	14	0
Criminal Trespass	2000	658	271	41
•	2001	612	242	40
Percent Change	0000	-7	-11	-2
Harassment	2000	29,869	3,789	13
Percent Change	2001	31,096 4	4,041	13 0
	2000	296	75	25
Stalking	2000 2001	332	91	2 3
Percent Change	2001	12	21	8
	2000	77,680	25,774	33
TOTAL	2001	82,373	26,551	32
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a Incidents are reported soon after they occur; therefore, arrests made after that time are not included.

[&]amp; Percent not calculated due to small volume.

^{*} Less than one-half of one percent.

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprison- ment	Sexual Assault	Criminal Sexual Contact
Atlantic	2000	2	1,979	194	3	5	2	14	1
Atlantic	2001	1	1,905	233	1	8	-	13	4
Bergen	2000	1	2,338	368	1	12	2	11	5
Dergen	2001	1	2,410	373	3	8	2	16	4
Burlington	2000	2	1,599	89	1	4	3	6	3
Durington	2001	4	1,696	112	-	2	3	11	-
Camden	2000	2	3,861	272	4	10	4	21	6
	2001	2	3,765	233	5	10	6	16	7
Cape May	2000	1	557	41	1	2	2	3	-
oupe may	2001	-	576	45	1	1	1	4	-
Cumberland	2000	1	1,553	99	2	10	-	6	1
Cumberiana	2001	2	1,593	86	3	5	2	6	5
Essex	2000	5	3,488	684	4	17	1	27	6
LIJOK	2001	3	5,617	1,090	4	23	1	33	6
Gloucester	2000	1	1,251	113	-	2	1	4	4
Oloucester	2001	1	1,408	88	-	6	3	5	2
Hudson	2000	-	3,316	509	7	6	5	18	9
IIIuusuli	2001	4	2,982	450	5	5	1	15	6
Hunterdon	2000	-	169	28	1	4	-	1	1
Tunteruon	2001	-	163	25	-	2	1	-	1
Mercer	2000	4	1,713	60	-	10	3	13	-
INICICCI	2001	4	2,036	66	1	4	4	11	3

^{*} Less than one-half of one percent.

Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	Stalking	County Total	Percent Change	Arrests
-	201	35	27	2,513	14	4,990	6	1,505
-	229	39	32	2,823	13	5,301	0	1,539
2	215	29	92	2,594	28	5,698	1	1,688
-	211	25	90	2,563	31	5,737	'	1,561
-	199	13	37	1,389	2	3,347	5	1,938
-	189	16	33	1,438	7	3,511	3	2,150
-	544	83	60	2,507	23	7,397	*	2,902
2	595	109	48	2,560	19	7,377		2,832
-	68	4	22	689	5	1,395	3	485
-	73	10	19	697	9	1,436	3	470
1	190	28	30	718	5	2,644	13	1,064
-	244	30	27	967	9	2,979	13	1,098
-	351	77	36	960	45	5,701	55	2,113
1	602	116	39	1,269	53	8,857	00	2,944
-	200	19	35	1,096	11	2,737	8	909
-	194	20	27	1,181	11	2,946	O	949
1	295	72	16	1,713	40	6,007	-10	1,536
-	268	59	12	1,593	26	5,426	10	1,267
-	16	-	10	279	1	510	-1	123
-	24	2	3	280	3	504	'	144
-	246	41	28	1,320	14	3,452	20	1,024
1	349	42	35	1,560	9	4,125		1,171

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprison- ment	Sexual Assault	Criminal Sexual Contact
Middlesex	2000	2	2,442	378	3	4	2	17	5
Wilduicscx	2001	2	2,420	378	2	13	2	13	5
Monmouth	2000	1	2,317	267	1	13	4	5	3
Monnouth	2001	5	2,260	284	1	10	1	7	3
Morris	2000	4	919	170	-	8	3	5	2
Morris	2001	-	946	164	1	2	3	5	-
Ocean	2000	3	2,179	403	4	3	3	6	3
Cocum	2001	1	2,133	351	-	8	1	12	3
Passaic	2000	4	2,537	410	-	7	1	14	5
i ussuic	2001	2	2,699	470	4	4	1	9	6
Salem	2000	-	373	20	-	2	-	1	-
Julein	2001	2	403	18	-	4	-	1	-
Somerset	2000	-	828	23	-	2	-	6	2
oomer set	2001	1	817	28	1	3	1	8	-
Sussex	2000	1	377	53	-	-	-	2	-
Jussen	2001	-	384	52	-	1	-	7	-
Union	2000	4	2,455	181	1	7	1	14	3
Onion	2001	3	2,494	214	1	6	6	11	3
Warren	2000	1	351	33	-	3	-	2	-
wanch	2001	2	385	48	-	3	-	1	-
TOTAL	2000	39	36,602	4,395	33	131	37	196	59
TOTAL	2001	40	39,092	4,808	33	128	39	204	58

^{*} Less than one-half of one percent.

Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	Stalking	County Total	Percent Change	Arrests
-	393	48	42	1,785	19	5,140	_	1,715
2	355	41	36	1,642	21	4,932	-4	1,583
-	397	33	52	2,406	19	5,518	2	1,731
-	393	45	48	2,545	21	5,623	2	1,637
-	157	13	28	1,175	12	2,496	2	758
1	155	14	21	1,112	16	2,440	-2	674
1	333	33	53	2,660	17	5,701	*	1,336
2	348	51	43	2,719	27	5,699		1,331
-	231	40	21	1,031	14	4,315	0	1,569
-	279	50	28	1,090	28	4,670	8	1,763
-	66	1	11	244	1	719	13	307
-	64	3	10	307	-	812	13	307
-	169	11	15	1,489	6	2,551	-3	694
-	162	7	19	1,433	5	2,485	-3	665
-	66	1	7	581	4	1,092	7	291
-	61	1	8	648	3	1,165	,	311
-	325	51	30	2,136	10	5,218	-1	1,860
1	321	49	29	1,994	11	5,143	-,	1,922
-	65	1	6	584	6	1,052	15	226
-	75	1	5	675	10	1,205	13	233
5	4,727	633	658	29,869	296	77,680	6	25,774
10	5,191	730	612	31,096	332	82,373	J	26,551

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1997 Through 2001

Domestic Violence	199	7	199	8	199	19	200	0	200)1
Offense	Offenses	Arrests								
Homicide	50	38	62	47	55	38	39	21	40	23
Assault	41,738	20,461	40,727	19,453	39,474	19,098	36,602	18,338	39,092	18,674
Terroristic Threats	4,922	1,306	4,712	1,254	4,851	1,348	4,395	1,312	4,808	1,409
Kidnapping	37	13	41	18	25	7	33	16	33	12
Criminal Restraint	121	42	126	53	132	58	131	58	128	47
False Imprisonment	31	18	37	19	42	20	37	17	39	24
Sexual Assault	185	62	198	69	200	77	196	66	204	71
Criminal Sexual Contact	56	20	59	15	52	16	59	18	58	9
Lewdness	20	4	14	2	11	3	5	-	10	4
Criminal Mischief	4,631	1,550	4,744	1,504	4,712	1,508	4,727	1,578	5,191	1,658
Burglary	651	184	665	173	688	186	633	215	730	246
Criminal Trespass	786	368	772	379	828	369	658	271	612	242
Harassment	29,054	3,553	28,949	3,413	29,266	3,426	29,869	3,789	31,096	4,041
Stalking R	345	67	348	73	345	86	296	75	332	91
TOTAL	82,627	27,686	81,454	26,472	80,681	26,240	77,680	25,774	82,373	26,551

R Stalking was first reported in 1995.

Arrests for domestic violence offenses increased 3%, and reflected the fourth highest number of arrests since the inception
of the Domestic Violence Program.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TYPE OF WEAPON AND EXTENT OF INJURY 2000/2001

				Extent of Injury		
Тур	pe of Weapon		Aggravated Serious	Non-Aggravated Minor	None	TOTAL
Gun	Percent Change	2000 2001	45 38 -16	42 45 7	200 189 -6	287 272 -5
Knife	Percent Change	2000 2001	484 464 -4	552 595 8	587 516 -12	1,623 1,575 -3
Other Danger	rous Weapon Percent Change	2000 2001	477 473 -1	1,199 1,319 10	490 420 -14	2,166 2,212 2
Hands, Fists,	Feet, etc. Percent Change	2000 2001	844 845 *	20,397 20,782 2	12,457 15,195 22	33,698 36,822 9
None	Percent Change	2000 2001	- - -	- - -	39,906 41,492 4	39,906 41,492 4
TOTAL	Percent Change	2000 2001	1,850 1,820 -2	22,190 22,741 2	53,640 57,812 8	77,680 82,373 6

^{*} Less than one-half of one percent.

- Thirty percent (24,561) of all domestic violence complaints resulted in injury. This is a 2% increase when compared to the 24,040 that occurred in 2000.
- Of all the domestic violence offenses involving weapons (40,881), hands, fists, feet, etc. were used in 90% (36,822) of these offenses.
- Domestic violence offenses involving a gun decreased 5% when compared to 2000.
- Serious injuries were reported in 1,820 offenses, a 2% decrease when compared to the 1,850 reported in 2000.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TYPE & SEX OF VICTIM 2001

Time of Offices			Re	lationship	of Victim to	Offender			Total
Type of Offense		Spouse	Ex- spouse	Co- parent	Relative	Friend	Ex- friend	Total	Number of Offenses
Homicide	Male Female	2 11	- 1	1 1	4 5	7 7	- 1	14 26	40
Assault	Male Female	2,292 8,044	179 565	1,130 6,241	1,897 2,977	2,839 9,757	564 2,607	8,901 30,191	39,092
Terroristic Threats	Male Female	183 1,139	52 221	91 757	210 430	152 678	132 763	820 3,988	4,808
Kidnapping	Male Female	4	- 1	- 6	- 1	- 12	1 8	1 32	33
Criminal Restraint	Male Female	3 37	1 2	- 21	2 7	5 33	3 14	14 114	128
False Imprisonment	Male Female	1 5	-	- 5	2	2 18	6	3 36	39
Sexual Assault	Male Female	1 41	9	42	1 10	- 66	34	2 202	204
Criminal Sexual Contact	Male Female	13	2	4	- 6	1 20	- 12	1 57	58
Lewdness	Male Female	-	- 1	-	2	4	3	2 8	10
Criminal Mischief	Male Female	292 842	44 112	195 693	221 589	398 1,018	220 567	1,370 3,821	5,191
Burglary	Male Female	16 79	6 34	20 123	30 68	21 90	55 188	148 582	730
Criminal Trespass	Male Female	20 81	15 43	13 73	35 71	35 91	32 103	150 462	612
Harassment	Male Female	1,959 7,836	449 1,384	855 3,693	1,006 2,286	1,607 5,218	1,099 3,704	6,975 24,121	31,096
Stalking	Male Female	4 52	2 31	1 35	- 7	9 42	17 132	33 299	332
TOTAL	Male Female	4,773 18,184	748 2,406	2,306 11,694	3,408 6,459	5,076 17,054	2,123 8,142	18,434 63,939	-
GRAND TOTAL		22,957	3,154	14,000	9,867	22,130	10,265	-	82,373

ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (Alcohol or Drugs Involved)* 2001

	T	Sul	bstance Involv	-		Percent of Offenses
Domestic Violence Offense	Total Number of Offenses	Only Alcohol	Only Drugs	Both Alcohol and Drugs	Total Alcohol and Drugs	Involving Alcohol or Drugs
Homicide	40	8	3	2	13	32.5
Assault	39,092	12,715	666	917	14,298	36.6
Terroristic Threats	4,808	802	127	109	1,038	21.6
Kidnapping	33	8	2	1	11	33.3
Criminal Restraint	128	35	4	2	41	32.0
False Imprisonment	39	5	1	1	7	17.9
Sexual Assault	204	64	10	13	87	42.7
Criminal Sexual Contact	58	19	-	1	20	34.5
Lewdness	10	5	-	-	5	50.0
Criminal Mischief	5,191	1,507	116	92	1,715	33.0
Burglary	730	112	33	14	159	21.8
Criminal Trespass	612	138	9	9	156	25.5
Harassment	31,096	6,673	395	350	7,418	23.9
Stalking	332	19	5	2	26	7.8
TOTAL	82,373	22,110	1,371	1,513	24,994	30.3

^{*} Indicates alcohol or drug use by either victim or offender.

[•] Drugs or alcohol were involved in 33% (13) of domestic violence homicides.

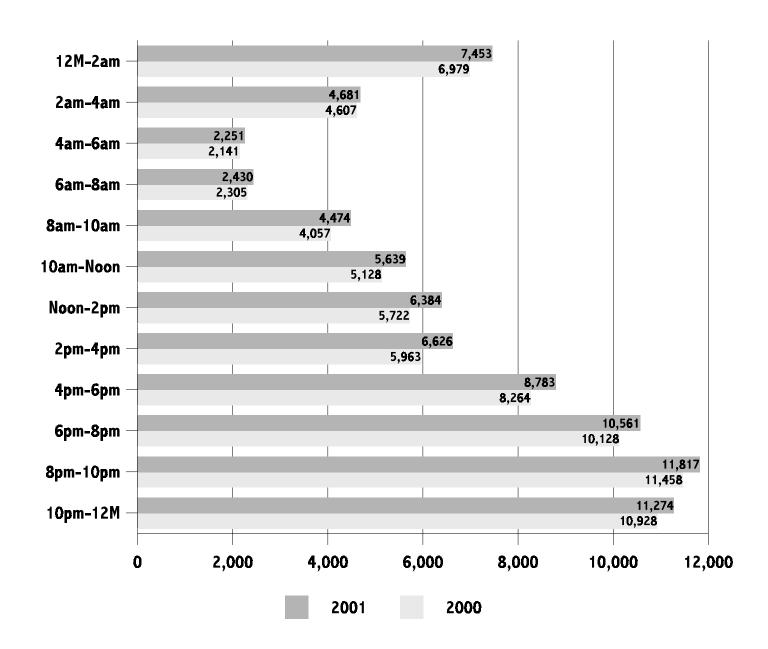
[•] Thirty percent (24,994) of the reported acts of domestic violence (82,373) involved the use of drugs or alcohol.

OFFENSES AGAINST ELDERLY VICTIMS (60 Years of age or over) 2001

	Total				Rela	ationsh	ip of V	ictim t	o Offen	der			
Domestic Violence Offense	Number of	Spo	use	Ex-sp	ouse	Со-ра	arent	Rela	ative	Frie	end	Ex-fr	iend
	Offenses	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Homicide	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Assault	913	88	174	2	8	8	8	164	297	89	56	10	9
Terroristic Threats	173	12	30	3	3	-	5	38	62	8	7	1	4
Kidnapping	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal Restraint	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-
False Imprisonment	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Assault	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Sexual Contact	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewdness	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Mischief	194	3	10	-	1	4	1	54	99	10	6	4	2
Burglary	19	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	6	3	1	2	1
Criminal Trespass	52	-	1	-	1	-	1	16	24	5	1	1	2
Harassment	1,032	71	174	8	17	8	15	177	418	54	52	21	17
Stalking	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	2,402	176	391	13	31	21	30	458	913	170	123	40	36

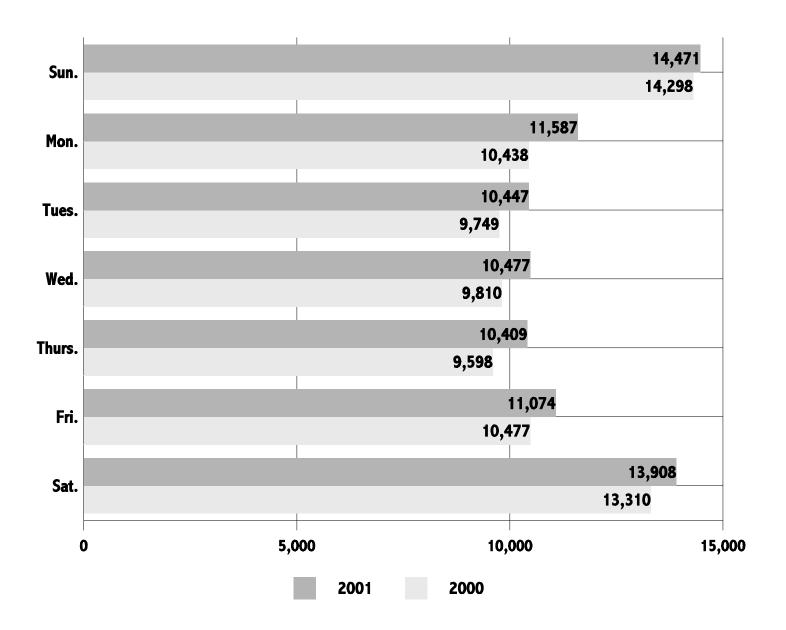
- Assaults accounted for 38% (913) of all domestic violence offenses for victims 60 years old or over.
- Females age 60 or over were the victims in 63% (1,524) of the 2,402 elderly abuse offenses.
- Persons age 60 or over were the victims in 3% (2,402) of all the reported domestic violence offenses during this period.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TIME OF DAY 2000/2001



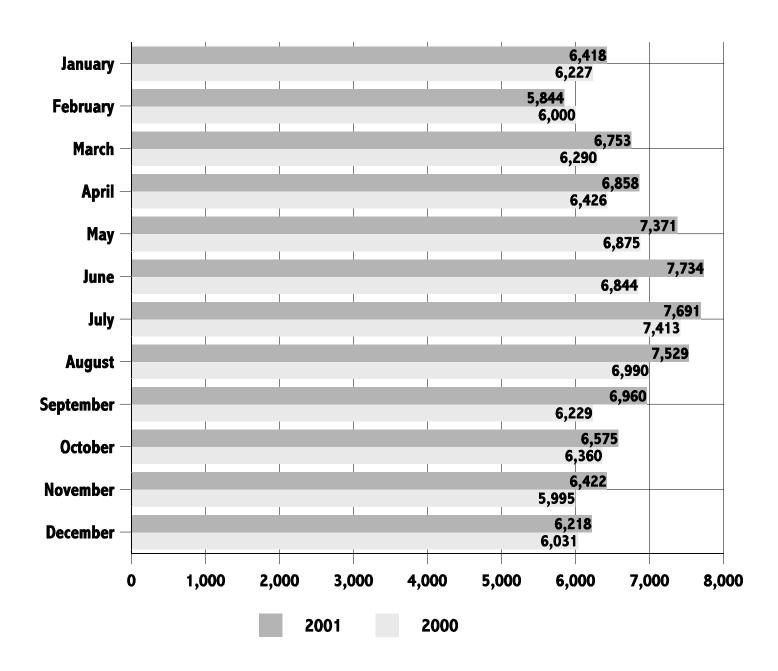
• During 2001, 28% (23,091) of the reported domestic violence offenses occurred between 8:00 p.m. and 12 midnight.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY DAY OF WEEK 2000/2001



- Sunday recorded the highest number of occurrences in 2001 with 14,471 offenses.
- During 2001, 34% (28,379) of the reported domestic violence offenses occurred during the weekend (Saturday and Sunday).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY MONTH OF YEAR 2000/2001



- In 2001, the highest number of domestic violence offenses occurred during the month of June.
- During 2001, the month with the lowest number of reported domestic violence offenses was February.

RESTRAINING ORDER ARRESTS BY COUNTY 2000/2001

		nestic Viole nining Order			Violence Revith Offense			Arrests Inv Violence R Orders	•
	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change	2000	2001	Percent Change
ATLANTIC	98	103	5	137	146	7	235	249	6
BERGEN	83	81	-2	244	185	-24	327	266	-19
BURLINGTON	89	91	2	108	119	10	197	210	7
CAMDEN	195	203	4	326	285	-13	521	488	-6
CAPE MAY	49	59	20	58	42	-28	107	101	-6
CUMBERLAND	78	103	32	69	82	19	147	185	26
ESSEX	119	216	82	132	207	57	251	423	69
GLOUCESTER	95	81	-15	101	86	-15	196	167	-15
HUDSON	98	78	-20	108	73	-32	206	151	-27
HUNTERDON	13	9	&	9	8	&	22	17	-23
MERCER	68	73	7	84	128	52	152	201	32
MIDDLESEX	93	83	-11	95	94	-1	188	177	-6
MONMOUTH	91	93	2	86	96	12	177	189	7
MORRIS	73	84	15	59	35	-41	132	119	-10
OCEAN	160	181	13	101	101	0	261	282	8
PASSAIC	116	130	12	93	78	-16	209	208	*
SALEM	41	50	22	30	31	3	71	81	14
SOMERSET	87	74	-15	44	58	32	131	132	1
SUSSEX	22	20	-9	19	29	53	41	49	20
UNION	87	89	2	176	149	-15	263	238	-10
WARREN	34	23	-32	10	9	&	44	32	-27
STATE TOTALS	1,789	1,924	8	2,089	2,041	-2	3,878	3,965	2

[&]amp; Percent not calculated due to small volume.

^{*} Less than one-half of one percent.